

Opportunity Knocks For Nursing MOSes

If you're tired of your current military or civilian position, the nursing detachment, 10th Bn, 5th Bde, 95th Div (IT) is now accepting applications to interview for the Reserve Component 91C (LVN) School.

The next classes start Aug. 2, 1997, in San Antonio, TX and November in Omaha, NE. Soldiers can apply at the location closest to them.

If one of these sites isn't near you, please call. We're considering other locations in Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Iowa and Kansas.

Spaces are limited, so get your application by calling (210) 221-3925 (COM) or 1-800-467-9426, extension 3925. Give your name, rank, address and phone number. ■

SFC Jose Soto

*HQ, 5th Bde (HS), 95th Div (Inst Tng)
San Antonio, TX*

Telecommunications Positions Open to Enlisted Personnel

The White House Communications Agency (WHCA) is looking for qualified enlisted personnel to join an elite team of professionals in providing premier worldwide telecommunications for the Presidency.

WHCA is a joint service organization represented by the five military services providing support to the President of the United States in Washington, DC and at worldwide travel locations. Personnel assigned to this unique organization wear civilian clothing. Enlisted personnel receive a civilian clothing allowance and work with state-of-the-art equipment.

Interested personnel possessing a speciality in electronics, communications or computer operations/programming should call the WHCA Recruiting Hotline at (202) 757-6300 or DSN 284-2000, extension 76300. ■

*CWO3 Donnie L. Baulding
White House Communications Agency
Washington, DC*

Navy Conducts Photo and...

The U.S. Naval Institute has launched its annual International Navies Photo Contest. Photographer of the top entry will win \$200. Two first honorable mentions will win \$100 each and two second honorable mention awards will be \$50 each. All images must pertain to naval or maritime subjects from countries other than the United States. Anyone can enter.

There's a limit of five entries per person. Eligible entries include black and white prints, color prints or 35-mm mounted color transparencies. Glass-mounted transparencies aren't eligible. The minimum print size is eight by 10 inches. Send entries to:

International Navies Photo Contest
U.S. Naval Institute
118 Maryland Ave.
Annapolis, MD 21402-5035

Entries must be postmarked no later than Aug. 1, 1997.

On a separate sheet of paper and attached to the back of each print or printed on the transparency mount, print or type full captions and the photographer's name, address, Social Security number (if U.S. citizen) and date the photo was taken. Entries aren't limited to photos taken in the calendar year of the contest. (Please don't write on the back of a print and don't use staples or paper clips.)

Entries unaccompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope or international postal coupon become the property of the U.S. Naval Institute.

...Essay Contests

The top three essayists in the U.S. Naval Institute's 10th annual International Navies Essay Contest will win cash prizes of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500. Authors of all nationalities may enter.

Essays must be original, no longer than 3,000 words and must not have been previously submitted or published elsewhere. An *exact* word count must appear on the title page. Direct all entries to:

International Navies Essay Contest
U.S. Naval Institute
118 Maryland Ave.
Annapolis, MD 21402-5035

Essays must be postmarked no later than Aug. 1, 1997 and should be typewritten, double-spaced on eight by 11-inch paper. Each entry should include the author's name, address, phone number, biographical sketch and Social Security number (if U.S. citizen).

The Naval Institute Editorial Board will notify winners by Oct. 15, 1997. Winning essays will be published in the Naval Institute's monthly publication, *Proceedings*. ■

Valry Fetrow

*U.S. Naval Institute News
Annapolis, MD*

Calling All Management Ranks

The 6th Material Management Center (MMC) in Arden Hills, MN, currently seeks reserve officers, warrant officers, NCOs and enlisted soldiers of all ranks for its data processing control center for other reserve units scattered throughout the state. The unit keeps track of all classes of supplies the Army uses. The 6th MMC mission is to provide integrated supply and maintenance management for the 19th TAACOM for all classes of supplies (minus maps, medical materials and communication security-COMSEC equipment).

The 6th MMC is organized into a Unit Headquarters, a Service-Support Division, a Logistics Automation System Support Office (LASSO) and seven divisions (each of which is responsible for a specific class of supplies). The seven divisions include the Petroleum Division, Aviation Division, Electronics Division, Armament-Combat Vehicle Division, Missile-Munitions Division, Automotive Division and the Troop Support Material Division.

Potential benefits include promotions, change of MOS, travel, continuing education, cash bonuses. For more information, call the unit administrator, SGT David W. Schreifels at (612) 631-2845, extension 230 or 228 or your local Reserve recruiter and ask about the MMC. ■

*LTC Howard W. Helser
6th MMC, Arden Hills, MN*

UFO Reports Now Routed To Private Organizations

Mass suicide in San Diego has rekindled interest in UFOs, but people should not look to the Pentagon for answers. The military no longer serves as the nation's UFO-busters.

Thirty-nine Heaven's Gate cult members reportedly believed they were leaving their earthly bodies to reawaken aboard a UFO traveling in the Hale-Bopp comet's wake. In the past, investigating UFOs was up to the U.S. Air Force.

After investigating UFO reports for more than two decades, Air Force officials reached three conclusions:

- No UFO reported, investigated or evaluated was ever a threat to national security.

- None of the unidentified sightings represented technological developments or principles beyond the range of modern scientific knowledge.

- There was no evidence unidentified sightings were extraterrestrial vehicles.

Finding no national security threat and no evidence of extraterrestrial visits, Air Force officials terminated Project Blue Book. UFO reports are now routed to private organizations. ■

Linda D. Kozaryn

American Forces Press Service

87th Div (Exercise) Seeks Soldiers For TPU Membership

The 87th Div (Exercise) is actively recruiting soldiers — especially combat arms SFC/E7 personnel — for TPU membership in several locations.

Interested soldiers may call the Division Strength Management Office at (800) 260-1337, extension 984, or call the units directly at:

Alabama

HHC, (202) 987-3978.

1st Bde, (205) 444-5225

313th Army Band (205) 987-3953

Kentucky

2nd Bde, (502) 454-2919

Mississippi

3rd Bde, (601) 554-3038

Georgia

4th Bde, (404) 363-2414

Puerto Rico

6th Bde (809) 277-2414. ■

LTC Paul M Carroll

HQ, 87th Div (Ex)

Birmingham, AL

U.S.A. Recruiting Command Wants Hometown Recruiters

The U.S. Army Recruiting Command is looking for soldiers interested in participating in the Hometown Recruiter Assistance Program (HRAP). These soldiers must volunteer to return to their hometown to assist local recruiters in enlisting young men and women.

This duty is performed in a permissive TDY status and can be scheduled in conjunction with ordinary leave. Participants must be 25 years of age or younger, have a high school diploma, meet current Army height and weight standards and be able to articulate the Army story to their peers. For more information, contact your local Military Personnel Office.

Further assistance may be provided by contacting SFC Michael Pagel, HQ USAREC HRAP manager at (502) 626-0460 or DSN 536-04600. You may e-mail him at:

pagel@emh2.usarec.army.mil. ■

*U.S. Army Recruiting Command
Ft. Knox, KY*

1996 Benefits Act Permits More Generous Montgomery GI Bill

The Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act of 1996 permits certain Veterans' Education Assistance Program (VEAP) participants to enroll in the more generous MGIB (Chapter 30) benefits. An Active Guard Reserve (AGR) VEAP participant with an account balance as of Oct. 9, 1996, may be eligible to enroll in the MGIB. (Service members enrolled in VEAP during FY 81, Section 903 of P.L. 96-342 are considered VEAP participants if they haven't used all their benefits.)

Current AGR VEAP participants choosing to enroll in the MGIB must ap-

ply for a refund of their VEAP accounts. A non-refundable contribution of \$1,200 is required to enroll in the MGIB. Enrollees may pay \$100 per month for 12 months or make a lump sum payment of \$1,200. Benefits cannot be received until the \$1,200 is paid.

Former AGR VEAP participants (separated between Oct. 9, 1996 and present) are also eligible to enroll in the MGIB. These personnel should contact a Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) representative immediately.

Usually, eligibility extends 10 years from the date of last discharge or release from Active Duty.

All eligible individuals must execute a DD Form 2366, not later than Oct. 8, 1997.

Title 32, AGR tour personnel should contact their local military education office for additional information. Veterans, contact your nearest DVA office. The DVA makes the final determination on an individual's eligibility. ■

LTC James W. Beatty

ARNG ARG Officer, Fredericksburg, VA

New Capstone Doctrine Takes Army To 21st Century

The new version of the Army's capstone doctrine, **FM 100-5, Operations**, is designed to maintain the Army's effectiveness into the 21st century, according to the chief of the writing team that produced the initial draft of the manual.

"The shelf life of the document is anticipated to be between roughly 1998 and 2005," said COL Mike Combest. "That generates some pretty tough flexibility requirements because it's got to be useful for the force right now and for the force as it transitions into Army XXI."

Although similar to the 1993 version, the manual contains some significant changes, one being that operations other than war is no longer a separate category of operations.

Operations is divided into four categories — offensive, defensive, stability and support.

The other team members are COL David Fastabend and LTCs Mike Burke and Russ Glenn.

One of the changes that has gener-

ated the most comments from Army reviewers has been to replace one of the tenets of Army operations defined in the '93 book. Those tenets were agility, initiative, depth, synchronization and versatility.

"We've said those weren't so much tenets as they are characteristics of operations," Fastabend said, "and we're saying synchronization needs to be replaced with orchestration, a much broader category."

"There are times when you've got to forego fully synchronizing all your combat power to exploit rapidly appearing and disappearing opportunities. For example, in an exploitation, you may not wait for all of your support to move up with you. You just go now to exploit the opening you've been given."

"Anticipatory tactical planning" is another new concept in the manual.

"Instead of trying to predict to the nth degree what an enemy is going to do, our tactical planning process ought to focus on having a pocket full of developed options that we can employ as an operation unfolds. Our experience in training and combat confirms that," Combest said.

Greater emphasis is also placed on execution, with a full chapter dedicated to the subject.

The manual introduces the concept of core functions, five fundamental actions necessary to apply military power at all levels of command, operating systems and categories of operations. They are See, Shape, Shield, Strike and Move.

The current FM discusses nine "principles of war." In keeping with the new philosophy, they are now principles of operations. Two principles have been added and several of the original list have been modified.

A draft of the manual is accessible by the Internet. The address is:

<http://www-cgsc.army.mil/cdd/f465.htm>

After logging in, users will be given instructions for reading, downloading and adding their comments, which were due to the Army June 13 so changes could be included to meet a tentative April 1998 printing date. ■

TRADOC News Service

Golden Knights Look For Team Sergeant Major

The United States Army Parachute Team, the "Golden Knights," is accepting application for the position of Team Sergeant Major. Applicants must be either a sergeant major or promotable master sergeant with an expected promotion date no later than January 1998, airborne-qualified, a graduate of the Sergeants Major Academy and have a minimum of 36 months of Active duty remaining as of December 1997. MOS is immaterial. A U.S. Parachute Association class C license or above is required.

Additional sport parachuting ratings and/or qualifications would be a plus. Interested soldiers should submit a cover letter requesting consideration for the position including qualifications along with a 2A, 2-1, Department of the Army photo and their three most recent NCO Evaluation Reports.

Applications must be received no later than Aug. 15, 1997. The selected sergeant major will be requested for assignment as of December 1997. Mail all pertinent information to:

U.S. Army Parachute Team
ATTN: SGM Randy Carpenter
P.O. Box 70126

Ft. Bragg, NC 28307

Call DSN 236-4800/4828 or (910) 396-4800/4828 for more information. ■

USA Parachute Team
Ft. Bragg, NC

Promotion Opportunities Expand For Some Reservists

Pentagon personnel officials have approved a one-time exception to policy that provides some enlisted Army reservists an earlier opportunity to compete for staff sergeant through sergeant major promotions.

About 143 recently deployed Individual Ready Reserve and Individual Mobilization Augmentee soldiers will be affected by the change, said Personnel Policy Integrator, SGM Griff Glatthaar, professional development branch, enlisted division, office of the deputy chief of staff for personnel.

"The exception to policy gives some

enlisted reservists an opportunity to compete for promotion six months earlier than was the case before when returning from Active duty," Glatthaar said.

The exception was signed Apr. 7 by MG Arthur T. Dean, director of military personnel management, office of the deputy chief of staff for personnel. The change adjusts the zone of consideration for the 1997 USAR IRR/IMA promotion board, Glatthaar said. Soldiers who've served on Active duty and have been transferred back to the IRR prior to Feb. 25, 1997, can now be considered for promotion.

Normally, IRRs and IMAs coming off a stint on Active duty are required to wait a year before competing for promotion, Glatthaar said. The reason for the "one-year rule" is to provide stability in the IRR/IMA programs.

Some IRR/IMA reservists who've been recently activated and deployed to support operations in Bosnia will benefit from the policy change, Glatthaar said.

"We're now deploying the IRR/IMA soldier for Operations Other Than War more extensively than in past years," Glatthaar said. "The policy exception will provide some [promotion] equity for those soldiers." ■

Army News Service

Wilderness and Rural EMT Tech Course Available in Fall

Units can take advantage of the training offered by Starhawk Training Programs, which offers the Wilderness EMT Course, conducted completely in a field environment. This six-day course comes to the unit and openings for training are available within these time blocks: Aug. 16-31, Sept. 1-30, and Oct. 1-30. The course offers 51 hours of study with classes such as transportation of the wilderness patient, snake and arthropod envenomation, lightning, animal attacks and plant toxicity.

Applicants must have a current basic life support card and have completed an approved EMT basic training program (120 hours plus 10 hours of clinical rotations) or a refresher course (48 hours and 10 hours of clinical rotations) that

includes all the objectives of the current national standard curriculum for the National Registry of EMT.)

The instructors for this course are all former U.S. military medics and/or Special Forces medics with paramedic qualifications. The text for the course is *Medicine for Mountaineering*. The cost is \$275 per student.

Contact Michael Schertz at Starhawk Training Programs for more information. His address is P.O. Box 554, Mason, TX 76856 or phone (915) 347-0002/6593. ■

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Army Ten-Miler Set for October in Washington, DC

The 13th-annual Army Ten-Miler will be held Oct. 12. The largest 10-mile race in the United States, it is widely recognized as one of the nation's premier races and a high point in the Army's year.

Co-hosted by the Military District of Washington and the Association of the United States Army, the race is open to all ages and abilities. Proceeds from the race benefit soldier and soldier-family programs.

One way the race is different will be its ability to communicate to the rest of the Army and the public through its own Web page, which can be accessed directly or from the MDW home page on the Web at www.mdw.army.mil.

The page will provide information about all aspects of the race, from fees and registration to awards and race times, updated regularly with new information.

For example, individuals, teams or corporations wanting to participate in the race will be able to download a registration form. Registrations for individuals must be postmarked by Sept. 27 and team registrations must be postmarked by Sept. 19.

For more information, call (202) 685-3361 or DSN 325-3361.

*Anders Smith
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First-Ever Air Force Marathon Set at Wright-Patterson AFB

Marathon runners worldwide — military and civilian — are invited to participate in the first-ever Air Force Marathon Sept. 20, 1997, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

The event is expected to draw between 5,000 and 10,000 runners.

For more information, contact the public affairs office at Wright-Patterson at (937) 255-3334 or DSN 785-2725, or visit their web site address at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>. ■

*LTG Kenneth E. Eickmann
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH*

Army's Surgeon General Provides Gulf War Medical Update

Military medical authorities "don't have any clear-cut answers" concerning the search for a specific illness that could be linked to soldiers' Gulf War service, but research is continuing, said the Army's top medical officer.

Army Surgeon General LTG Ronald R. Blanck discussed "Gulf War Illness," with Soldiers' Radio and Television Network reporter LTC Paul Little, M.D., during a "Washington Report" interview in April. As Surgeon General, Blanck is the Army Chief of Staff's primary advisor on medical matters. Blanck is also responsible for the Army's overall medical readiness as the commanding general of U.S. Army Medical Command, Ft. Sam Houston, TX.

More than 25,000 Gulf War veterans have been medically evaluated by the Comprehensive Clinical Evaluation Program set up by the Department of Defense to investigate "Gulf War Illness" claims, Little said. Some of these veterans were evaluated at Walter Reed U.S. Army Medical Center, which was Blanck's prior command.

About 87 percent of those evaluated through CCEP have been diagnosed "with definitive" or explainable kinds of illnesses, Blanck said.

Only in about 17 percent of the cases are medical authorities unable to come up with clear-cut diagnoses. However,

Blanck said, some of those undiagnosed cases include sleep disorders, which can and are being treated.

"We've evaluated and treated almost all of those [soldiers and servicemembers] who have symptoms, who were in the Gulf," he said. "Many...as we [now] know, are folks who probably would have gotten some kind of illness whether they were in the Gulf or not.

"However, many of them have things that probably were the result of Gulf service. I can assure you, we're looking very hard [for a medical explanation of 'Gulf War Illness']. My emphasis is that every soldier, sailor, airman or Marine will be treated as an individual, will have a thorough evaluation and get the medical care that's necessary to take care of them.

"We're about caring for soldiers [and other servicemembers], as we also look for the long-term answers [for 'Gulf War Illness']," he added.

Blanck said he wants to shield soldiers from any possible environmental hazards during present and future deployments.

"I don't want there to be a 'Bosnia Syndrome' or any of the other kinds of illnesses from any of the other deployments we're doing," Blanck said. "We [now] have an extensive disease and environmental surveillance program that I think is going to prevent these kinds of questions from coming up in the future."

Gulf War veterans suffering from various maladies are probably ill because of a variety of causes, Blanck said.

"I don't think there's a specific 'thing' that's causing ['Gulf War Illness']," he said. "I think it's multiple causes, from all of the kinds of things that went on in the Gulf, all of the exposures... We certainly know about certain kinds of infectious diseases, such as Leishmaniasis, a tiny parasite that has infected somewhere around 34-35 soldiers and one or two airmen.

"That doesn't seem to be the answer for most things, but again, I think it's more of a combination [of reasons for illnesses]. What may be making one person sick is probably different [from what's making someone else ill]."

Blanck said research continues toward answering questions about service-members being exposed to chemical agents in the Gulf.

"I think we may be getting closer on getting [answers] as to whether or not there were actually chemicals present that may have caused some of this, but I don't believe that's going to be the single answer," he said. ■

Gerry J. Gilmore
ARNEWS

VFW Continues Gulf War Illness Efforts

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) continued to press for answers as concern grows over Gulf War illnesses.

"Without pointing fingers," said James E. Nier, VFW national commander, "we are working hard with the Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA), the Dept. of Defense (DoD), the Administration and Congress to bring about a definitive resolution for those who are suffering."

VFW has been a leader in efforts to solve the mystery surrounding illnesses reported in troops following their service in the Persian Gulf War. VFW began its efforts early and was instrumental in gaining passage of a bill allowing VA the authority to compensate veterans with undiagnosed illnesses. VFW called on Congress to hold hearings demanding full disclosure of information relating to chemical weapons exposure and other possible causes for the illnesses.

At VFW's urging, the president extended the authority of his Presidential Advisory Committee on Persian Gulf Illnesses and extended the presumptive period for reporting Gulf War symptoms to 10 years. Selected VFW Posts across the nation recently hosted "Town Hall" meetings bringing DoD experts face-to-face with Gulf War families. VFW has conducted surveys of stricken Persian Gulf veterans and continues those efforts with an Internet survey on the organization's home page:

(<http://www.vfw.org>).

"We are seeing more and more Gulf War veterans join our ranks each year," said Nier. "We will do everything in our power to make sure all Persian Gulf vets get a fair shake." ■

Steve Van Buskirk
VFW National Headquarters,
Kansas City, MO

USASMA to Host NCOES Commandant's Conference

The United States Army Sergeants Major Academy will host the 1997 NCOES Commandant's Conference Dec. 2-5 at the Centennial Club on Biggs Army Airfield, Ft. Bliss, TX.

A "working conference" open to all NCOA commandants, leadership battalion commandants and NCOES battalion command sergeants major, the conference replaces the New Commandant's conference previously held at Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC).

Post billeting is available and all rooms will be reserved by name through USASMA. Names need to be provided no later than Oct. 15. Government mess is not available. Registration fee is \$10. Uniform requirement for the conference is BDUs.

For additional information, points of contact are SSG Isom, DSN 978-8679, COM (915) 568-8679, E-mail address:

Isomd@bliss-usasma.army.mil

or: SGM Williams, DSN 978-8659, COM (915) 568-8656, E-mail address:

Williamsb@bliss-usasma.army.mil

MAJ Dennis A. O'Brien
Commandant, USASMA

Colonel Named New USASMA Commandant

U.S. Army COL Thomas L. Brown, formerly assigned to the American Embassy in Tokyo, became the 11th commandant of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy at Ft. Bliss, TX, when he took command July 21.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant of field artillery in 1969 through the Artillery Officer Candidate School at Ft. Sill, OK.

Brown has served in a variety of command and staff assignments in the U.S., Vietnam, Germany, Korea and Japan. He has commanded a field artillery battalion in the XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery and was the director of the Fire Support and Combined Arms Operations Department in the Field Artillery School at Ft. Sill. He later commanded the Field Artillery Training Center at Ft. Sill.

Brown is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College and was an Army War College Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University.

He holds a bachelors degree in secondary education, Montana State University and a master's degree in Asian Studies, San Diego State University.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (with oak leaf cluster), the Bronze Star and Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He also wears the Ranger tab and the parachutists badge.

Brown is married to the former Norma Evans of Helena, MT, and has a son, Chris, age 21. ■

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Sexual Harassment Hotline Ceases Operations

The Army's Sexual Harassment Hotline has served its purpose and was turned off on June 13, according to an Army spokesperson.

It was replaced with a new "assistance" line that has a much broader purpose, officials said, and provides counseling as well as the ability to forward callers to appropriate agencies. The new line (1-800-267-9964) began service in June and will be open to calls during normal duty hours.

The Army has always had a hotline for soldiers and civilians to report abuse, misconduct or seek help. That number (1-800-752-9747) is at the Office of the Inspector General and is open during normal duty hours. ■

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